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Doug held a range of construction, maintenance, & operations positions in his 17 years with a Texas-based natural gas distribution company, eventually joining the parent company as corporate manager of risk, safety, & loss control. In this role, Doug assumed responsibility for occupational & pipeline safety program development & oversight of five natural gas distribution divisions in Texas, Missouri, Florida, Pennsylvania, and New England.

Prior to joining Texas811, Doug served 7 years as corporate safety manager for a Texas river authority with oversight of five divisions which included power generation & transmission, telecommunications, water utilities, & river operations.

Doug was instrumental in the formation of 3 regional damage prevention councils in the mid-1990s, serving as the foundation of the present-day 501(c)(3) Damage Prevention Council of Texas. Doug co-founded the Eagle Ford Safety & Equipment Rodeo Roundup, a nationally recognized excavation safety festival that served as a key element in funding the incorporation of DPC of Texas. Doug also co-founded the Paso del Norte Excavation Safety Day, the only bi-national event of its kind drawing attendance from across West Texas, Southern New Mexico,

and Ciudad de Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico. Doug is past vice-president of the DPC of Texas and currently serves as a director on the 11-member board.

Doug is active in numerous industry associations and currently serves on the Texas Gas Association board of directors. A frequent contributor to several national damage prevention publications, Doug serves as preliminary editor for Texas811 magazine. A Certified Utility Safety Administrator with an endorsement in natural gas distribution, Doug specializes in utility construction safety, pipeline safety, & incident investigation and is a subject matter expert on Texas damage prevention laws & regulations.